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**Idaho Milk Production Up 6.9 Percent**

Idaho milk production during October 2010 totaled 1.09 billion pounds, a 6.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and up slightly from September 2010. September 2010 milk production was revised to 1.09 billion pounds, down 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in October 2010 was 1,910 pounds, up 40 pounds from October 2009. The average number of milk cows during October was 571,000 head, up 25,000 from October 2009 but unchanged from September 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009, but unchanged from September 2010.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2009-2010**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	166	183	1,840	1,825	305	334	9.5
California	1,767	1,747	1,815	1,915	3,207	3,346	4.3
Colorado	116	122	1,920	1,975	223	241	8.1
Florida	113	113	1,230	1,280	139	145	4.3
Idaho	546	571	1,870	1,910	1,021	1,091	6.9
Illinois	101	98	1,550	1,560	157	153	-2.5
Indiana	168	169	1,680	1,710	282	289	2.5
Iowa	215	204	1,690	1,725	363	352	-3.0
Kansas	112	121	1,750	1,750	196	212	8.2
Michigan	355	360	1,860	1,895	660	682	3.3
Minnesota	469	470	1,580	1,575	741	740	-0.1
Missouri	105	97	1,170	1,180	123	114	-7.3
New Mexico	317	318	2,020	2,055	640	653	2.0
New York	614	611	1,640	1,725	1,007	1,054	4.7
Ohio	276	270	1,540	1,580	425	427	0.5
Oregon	114	121	1,615	1,695	184	205	11.4
Pennsylvania	539	541	1,600	1,640	862	887	2.9
Texas	413	415	1,720	1,775	710	737	3.8
Utah	83	85	1,780	1,790	148	152	2.7
Vermont	134	139	1,495	1,480	200	206	3.0
Virginia	95	95	1,475	1,485	140	141	0.7
Washington	240	254	1,940	1,965	466	499	7.1
Wisconsin	1,258	1,264	1,675	1,680	2,107	2,124	0.8
23 State Total	8,316	8,368	1,720	1,767	14,306	14,784	3.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Idaho October Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2010 totaled 17.8 million pounds, down 8 percent from October of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2010 period totaled 170.4 million pounds, down 11 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in October 2009. Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.4 million pounds, 7 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,400 head, down 15 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.73 million head, down 6 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,300 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 1 pound from October a year ago. January to October 2010 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 As Percent of 2009 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	144.1	144.3	142.6	99
Colorado	180.3	182.2	174.2	97
Idaho	19.4	17.7	17.8	92
Illinois	256.3	227.7	253.0	99
Iowa	637.9	548.7	579.2	91
Kansas	445.2	453.1	444.9	100
Minnesota	239.8	235.1	246.6	103
Montana	2.2	1.3	2.2	98
Nebraska	660.3	612.1	631.6	96
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	70
Oklahoma	98.8	96.9	98.5	100
Oregon	5.4	5.3	5.2	98
South Dakota	77.6	85.1	88.8	114
Texas	424.7	436.2	427.6	101
Utah	38.6	37.3	39.8	103
Washington	72.0	76.7	78.3	109
Wyoming	0.3	0.5	0.2	86
United States	4,391.2	4,160.5	4,265.2	97

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1/</sup>

Type	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	Oct 2010 As Percent of	
				October 2009	September 2010
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,275.7	2,252.9	2,237.8	98	99
Veal	12.2	11.3	11.4	93	101
Pork	2,089.0	1,883.3	2,002.9	96	106
Lamb & Mutton	14.3	13.1	13.1	92	100
Total Red Meat <sup>2/</sup>	4,391.2	4,160.5	4,265.2	97	103

1 Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2 Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2010 totaled 215,000 head, up 2 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 8 percent from October 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 53,000 head, up 3,000 head from October 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during October totaled 37,000 head, down 7,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during October.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.50 million, 1 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.44 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 640,000, 700-799 pounds were 514,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.73 million, 1 percent below 2009. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during October, 5 percent above 2009.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>

State	November 1, 2009	October 1, 2010	November 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of October
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	279	240	251	90	105
California	470	445	460	98	103
Colorado	1,040	1,000	1,090	105	109
Idaho	210	200	215	102	108
Iowa	540	570	610	113	107
Kansas	2,330	2,330	2,400	103	103
Nebraska	2,400	2,220	2,420	101	109
Oklahoma	375	370	385	103	104
South Dakota	205	205	230	112	112
Texas	2,730	2,640	2,820	103	107
Washington	155	177	192	124	108
Other States	400	382	414	104	108
United States	11,134	10,779	11,487	103	107

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on October 31, 2010, totaled 916 million pounds, an increase of 7 percent from September 30, 2010, but down 3 percent from October 31, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 218 million pounds, increased 2 percent from September 30, 2010 stocks, and increased 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2010, totaled 108 million pounds, down 17 percent from the previous month, and down 43 percent from October 2009. Stocks of American cheese totaled 639 million pounds, slightly up from September 30, 2010, but up 10 percent from October 31, 2009.

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2009	Sept. 30, 2010	Oct. 31, 2010	% of 2009
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	948,178	856,415	916,192	97
Other Frozen	214,746	213,691	217,804	101
Total	1,162,924	1,070,106	1,133,996	98
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	190,624	129,956	108,165	57
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	579,808	636,832	638,684	110

## October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 22,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010. Hired workers worked an average of 45.2 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.60 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

